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Happily in this country it adds nothing in any way to a family or to a man to have inherited the right to use a coat of arms, except so far as it may be an incentive to honor. Still it is a fact that the early settlers of New England were not all of the same social rank at home. Some belonged to the gentry, and were entitled by birth to use shields with the arms of their families, while many more were simple yeomen with no claim to such distinction. All are equal here, and it is only as matter of antiquarian interest that the difference should be recorded.

THE Puritans of New England have a great advantage genealogically and heraldically over the people of the rest of the thirteen colonies, whether of Dutch, Huguenot, or so-called "Cavalier" ancestry. This advantage consists in the existence of the Genealogical Dictionary of New England and of the College of Arms. Mr. Savage's great work contains a practically perfect list of families settled in New England before 1692; no similar book of equal importance exists for any other part of the United States. The College of Arms or Heralds' College in London is the highest authority as to the right of an English family to use a coat of arms; and the Heraldic Visitations of the counties of England, made by officials of the College, contain the evidence of such right and use.

The original manuscript volumes, dating from 1530 to 1687, are mostly in the library of the College, but copies, with some originals, are found in great numbers in the British Museum and other libraries. The number of gentle families not there recorded must be infinitesimally small, and to prove an ancient right not there found would now be no easy matter. Appearance in one of these volumes may therefore justly be demanded of every American family of English origin, which claims to have inherited gentle blood as shown by the use of a coat of arms. From these volumes, with wills and other documents, we ought to be able to form a nearly perfect list of those settlers in New England, whose ancestry appears in the Visitations.

In the following pages I have tried to form a list, so far as known at present, of such families as would be accepted at the College of Arms, or better still by an English Court sitting to decide a claim to the ancestral estate. It is probable that the searches of Mr. Henry F. Waters and others will add names to the list, though never in large numbers. Half a dozen, or at most a dozen more, is a limit not likely to be exceeded.

POSITIVE PEDIGREES AND AUTHORIZED ARMS;

OR

An attempt at a List of Settlers named in Savage's Genealogical Dictionary of New England, whose Ancestors are recorded in the Heraldic Visitations of England, and whose Descendants are probably living in the United States of America.

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1. ALSOP, Joseph, of New Haven, Conn.
   From Alsop, Derbyshire; in Visitation of Derbyshire.
   Arms—Sable, three doves volant Argent, beaks and legs Gules.
   Evidence: Will of John Alsop of Bonsall, Derbyshire, 1643, "my two brothers and sister now living in New England." The Alsop pedigree has not yet been studied as it should be, but there is no doubt as to the essential facts. I had taken a note of the will before it was printed in Mr. Waters's Gleanings.
2. APPLETON, Samuel, of Ipswich, Mass.
   From Little Waldingfield, Suffolk; in Visitation of Suffolk.
   Arms—Argent, a fess Sable between three apples Gules, leaved and stalked Vert.
   Evidence: Will of Robert Ryece of Preston, Suffolk, 1637, who married Mary Appleton of Little Waldingfield, "my loving Brother in Law Samuel Appleton now dwelling at Ipswich in New England." See also Lechford's Note-Book as published by the American Antiquarian Society.
3. BROUGHTON, Thomas, of Boston, Mass.
   From Longdon, Staffordshire; in Visitation of Staffordshire.
   Arms—Gules, a chevron between three brocks Argent.
   Evidence: Visitation of Staffordshire, 1664, "now residing in New England."
4. BRUEN, Obadiah, of New London, Conn.
   From Bruen Stapleford, Cheshire; in Visitation of Cheshire.
   Arms—Argent, an eagle displayed Sable.
   Evidence: I am not aware of any contemporary authority, but there seems to be no possible doubt of the fact as stated in the reprint at New York in 1857 of "The very singular Life of John Bruen Esquire * * *" (father of Obadiah), originally published in 1641.
5. BULKLEY, Rev. Peter, of Concord, Mass.
   From Odell, Bedfordshire; in Visitations of Bedfordshire and Cheshire.
   Arms—Argent, a chevron between three bull's heads cabossed Sable.
   Evidence: Life of Rev. Peter Bulkley by Rev. Cotton Mather. See also "The Bulkeley Family * * *," Hartford, 1875.

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6. Chauncy, Rev. Charles, of Cambridge, Mass.
   From Yardley, Hertfordshire; in Visitation of Hertfordshire.
   Arms—Gules, a cross patonce Argent, on a chief Azure a lion passant Or.
   Evidence: Will of Judith Chauncy of Yardly, 1657, "my dear and loving brother Mr. Charles Chauncy minister of God's word and now living in New England." See also "Memorials of the Chaunceys * * *," Boston, 1858.
7. Chester, Leonard, of Weathersfield, Conn.
   From Blaby, Leicestershire; in Visitation of Leicestershire.
   Arms—Ermine, on a chief Sable a griffin passant with wings endorsed Argent.
   Evidence: Grave-stone of Leonard Chester at Weathersfield, "late of the town of Blaby."
8. Davenport, Rev. John, of New Haven, Conn.
   From Coventry, Warwick; in Visitations of Warwick and Cheshire.
   Arms—Argent, a chevron between three crosses-crosslet fitchy Sable.
   Evidence: Mather's Magnalia. See also "History and Genealogy of the Davenport Family * * *," New York, 1851, and Supplement to the same volume, Stamford, Conn., 1876.
9. Davie, Humphrey, of Boston, Mass.
   From Creedy, Devonshire; in Visitation of Devonshire.
   Arms—Quarterly, 1 and 4, Argent, a chevron between three mullets pierced Gules; 2 and 3, Azure, three cinquefoils Or, on a chief of the last a lion passant Gules.
   Evidence: Succession to the Baronetcy. See also Vivian's "Visitations of Devonshire."
10. Drake, John, of Boston, Mass.
    From Wiscomb, Devonshire; in Visitation of Devonshire.
    Arms—Argent, a wyvern, wings displayed and tail nowed, Gules.
    Evidence: Will of Francis Drake of Esher, Surrey, 1634, "John Drake my cousin William's son * * * in New England."
11. Fawkener, Edmond, of Andover, Mass.
    From King's Cleere, Hampshire; in Visitation of Hampshire.
    Arms—Sable, three falcons Argent, beaked, legged and belled Or.
    Evidence: Will of Francis Fawkener of King's Cleere, 1662, "my brother Edmond Fawconor that is living in New England." The Fawkener pedigree needs study even more than the Alsop.
12. Fenwick, George, of Saybrook, Conn.
    From Brinckborne, Northumberland; in Visitation of Northumberland.
    Arms—Argent, three martlets Gules, on a chief of the last three martlets of the field.
    Evidence: His own will of 1656 and 1657, at London. Perhaps the blood is only found here in the descendants of his sister Elizabeth, wife of John Cullick of Boston, called Collet in the Visitation.
13. Gayer, William, of Nantucket, Mass.
    From Trenbrace, Cornwall, and Plymouth; in Visitation of Cornwall.
    Arms—Ermine, a fleur-de-lis and chief Sable.
    Evidence: Will of Sir John Gayer of Bombay, 1710, "my brother William Gayer of the island of Nantucket."

14. Hanbury, William, of Boston, Mass.
From Wolverhampton, Staffordshire; in Visitation of Staffordshire.
Arms—Or, on a bend engrailed Vert, cotized Sable, three bezants.
Evidence: Visitation of Staffordshire, 1664, "died in New England."

15. Harlakenden, Roger, of Cambridge, Mass.
From Earl's Colne, Essex; in Visitations of Essex and Kent.
Arms—Azure, a fess Ermine between three lion's heads erased Or.
Evidence: His own will in the first volume at the Suffolk Registry in Boston, Mass. Roger Harlakenden had two daughters, but it is probable that the blood can only be found here in the descendants of his sister Mabel, wife of John Haynes.

16. Hunlock, John, of Boston, Mass.
From Wingerworth, Derbyshire; in Visitation of Derbyshire.
Arms—Azure, a fess between three tiger's heads erased Or.
Evidence: Bassano's MS. Genealogies of Gentry of Derbyshire about 1700, "living at Boston in New England."

17. Jeffrey, William, of Newport, R. I.
From Chittingley, Sussex; in Visitation of Sussex.
Arms—Azure fretty Or, on a chief Argent a lion passant guardant Gules.
Evidence: His own will, 1675, "mother Audry Jeffrey of Chittingley." See also Berry's Sussex Genealogies, and Horsfield's History of Lewes.

18. Leete, William, of Guilford, Conn.
From Dodington, Huntingdonshire; in Visitation of Huntingdonshire.
Arms—Argent, a fess Gules between two rolls of matches Sable kindled proper.
Evidence: Visitation of Huntingdonshire, 1684, "Governor of Harford in New England." See also "The Family of Leete * * *" London, 1881.

19. Lowle, Percival, of Newbury, Mass.
From Clevedon and Portbury, Somersetshire; in Visitation of Somersetshire.
Arms—Sable, a dexter hand couped at the wrist grasping three darts, one in pale and two in saltire, Argent.
Evidence: Harleian MS. 1559 in British Museum, "in New England 1639."

20. Palmes, Edward, of New Haven, Conn.
From ?Melton, Leicestershire; in Visitations of Leicestershire and Yorkshire.
Arms—Gules, three fleurs-de-lis Argent, a chief Vaire.
Evidence: Visitation of Leicestershire, 1681, "in New England."

21. Pelham, Herbert, of Cambridge, Mass.
From Laughton, Sussex and Boston, Lincolnshire; in Visitation of Sussex.
Arms—Quarterly, 1 and 4, Azure, three pelicans Argent, vulning themselves proper; 2 and 3, Gules, two pieces of belt erect palewise, buckles upwards Argent.
Evidence: His own will of 1672 at London, and a MS. Genealogy of 1693, printed in the New-England Historical and Genealogical Register, xxxiii.

22. Penhallow, Samuel, of Portsmouth, N. H.
From Penhallow, Cornwall; in Visitation of Cornwall.
Arms—Vert, a coney Argent.
Evidence: See "Penhallow Family * * *," Boston, 1885, and Vivian's "Visitations of Cornwall."

23. Phippen, David, of Hingham, Mass.
From Weymouth, Dorsetshire; in Visitation of Cornwall.
Arms—Argent, two bars and in chief three escallops Sable.
Evidence: Will of George Phippen of Truro, Cornwall, 1650, "my brother David in New England."

24. Saltonstall, Sir Richard, of Watertown, Mass.
From Huntwicke, Yorkshire; in Visitation of Yorkshire.
Arms—Or, a bend between two eagles displayed Sable.
Evidence: See Bond's Genealogies and History of Watertown.

25. Snelling, William, of Boston, Mass.
From Chaddlewood, Devonshire; in Visitation of Devonshire.
Arms—Argent, three griffin's heads erased Gules, a chief indented Ermine.
Evidence: His own will of 1674 at Boston, "youngest sonn of the late Thomas Snelling of Chaddenwood in Plimton mary in the County of Devon."

26. Symonds, Samuel, of Ipswich, Mass.
From Great Yeldham, Essex; in Visitation of Essex.
Arms—Azure, a chevron engrailed between three trefoils slipped Or.
Evidence: Will of Richard Fitz Symonds of Great Yeldham, 1663, "my loving Brother Mr. Samuel Symonds of New England;" also Genealogy of the Family written by Richard Symonds, nephew of Samuel.

27. Thorndike, John, of Beverly, Mass.
From Great Carleton, Lincolnshire; in Visitation of Lincolnshire.
Arms—Argent, six gouttes three two and one Gules, on a chief of the last three leopard's faces Or.
Evidence: Will of the Rev. Herbert Thorndike, Prebend of Westminster, in which he mentioned his nephews and nieces born in New England.

28. Willis, George, of Hartford, Conn.
From Fenny Compton, Warwick; in Visitation of Warwick.
Arms—Argent, a chevron Sable between three mullets Gules.
Evidence: His own will of 1644 at London.

29. Winthrop, John, of Boston, Mass.
From Groton, Suffolk; in Visitation of Suffolk.
Arms—Argent, three chevronels embattled Gules, over all a lion rampant Sable, armed and langued Azure.
Evidence: See "Life and Letters of John Winthrop," Boston 1864 and 1867.

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